

# Woman's Realm Social and Personal Fashions Literature

## DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

### Widower Remarries

#### Spirit of Selfish Promise Fulfilled With Children Grown Up

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I was a man of 45 when my wife died, leaving me with four small children. We had promised each other that we would never bring a stepmother or a stepfather to rule over our little ones. I have kept that promise, but now my children are all grown and married, with homes of their own. I am alone and beginning to feel the need of a congenial companion to care for me in my declining years, but when I think of marrying, I feel bound by the sacred pledge I gave my wife so many years ago. What do you think about this problem?

OLD-TIMER

ANSWER: I think, in the first place, that no husband or wife has the right to extract from the other a promise not to marry if the other one should die, and when such promises are given, they are better broken than kept.

It is only the selfish, fleshly jealousy that makes men and women feel that they cannot endure to think of another filling their places in the hearts and homes of those they love, but all of this carnal weakness we slough off in the grave. Whether those who have passed through the doors of death know what is going on in the world or not, we do not know.

Certainly purgatory could have no worse tortures than it would hold for a man who had tenderly protected his wife and saved her from every hardship, if he saw her poor and worn and shabby and torn with anxiety about where the next meal was to come from, and he knew that the promise he had wrung from her had kept her from marrying. Some good man who would give her every comfort and luxury. Nor can you imagine it pleasing to any saint in glory to look down upon her feeble, neglected, lonely old husband and know that the pledge she had forced him to give her had kept him from having a wife to comfort him and take care of him and rub his rheumatism.

In your case, you have kept the spirit of the promise you made your wife. You have waited until your children were grown and settled and beyond the reach of anything a stepmother could do to hurt them, so now you are absolved from your pledge. Marry some woman of a suitable age, and may your last days be your happiest.

DOROTHY DIX

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: My husband and I have been married four years. Our salary is less than \$200 a month. On this we maintain our home and that of his mother, who is entirely dependent on us for support. Besides this, we help his sisters and occasionally my folks. My problem is I am simply crazy for a baby and my husband thinks I am unreasonable for wanting one under the circumstances, but as far as I can see we have the above responsibilities for good. I am not complaining of that, but I don't think I should be deprived of having the enjoyment of a child. I see the stork stopping at other poor people's doors.

MRS. X. Y. Z.

ANSWER: Well, it seems to me that any one who is miracle worker enough to support three people and help a bunch of relatives on less than \$200 a month must have some sort of a conjure that would enable her even to afford twins. Certainly you most possess some magic that makes a dollar go ten times as far as other people's, or you would not dream of a baby, which, as you know, is about as expensive a luxury as one can indulge oneself in.

Prudence would suggest that you possess your soul in patience until your husband is earning more money when having one more mouth to feed and one more back to clothe will not be such a burden upon him. Also, it seems hardly fair to a child to thrust life upon it when you are not even sure of being able to give it anything except the hardest possible conditions of existence.

But, on the other hand, it is undoubtedly true that many children born in poverty, who had none of the so-called advantages of life, have blessed the world with their genius and brought honor and glory to their parents. So it is up to your conscience whether you make a nest in your house for the stork or shoo it away from your door for the time being.

DOROTHY DIX

DEAR MISS DIX: What value has an education for a girl? My parents think that when a girl is 16 she should leave school and go to work.

ONLY SIXTEEN

ANSWER: The value of an education to a girl is just what it is to a boy. It broadens her viewpoint, enriches her life and gives her a greater earning capacity. No matter whether a girl marries or not, the better educated she is, the better fitted she is to do her task in the world.

Tell your father and mother that the very first thing a prospective employer will ask you is whether you finished high school or not. Not only your chances of getting a job, but the pay you get will depend upon your answer. Many occupations are barred entirely to girls who have quit school at 16. Perhaps, when they realize that you can capitalize in education in dollars and cents, your parents will not deny you one.

DOROTHY DIX

DOROTHY DIX cannot reply personally to readers, but will answer problems of general interest through her column.

## Hobbies of Local Citizens

By Uncle Joe

The subject of this brief sketch, Mrs. M. B. MacKinnon, Clyde River, is a native of England, having been born in York. Mrs. MacKinnon came to the Garden of the Gulf three years after she'd married Reg. MacKinnon in August of 1943. Reg. a young Island soldier, served with the R. A. C. R. U. and later was transferred to the R. C. A. S. C. when he went overseas.

Phoebe MacKinnon is the only daughter of Canon S. G. B. Exham and Mrs. Exham, London, England. As a young child, Phoebe attended St. Mary's Hall School, Brighton, where among other subjects she started her first lessons in Elocution and appeared in her first play when only seven.

Several other schools were attended by Phoebe Exham prior to the beginning of World War II. From those schools she emerged with a fine general education, something all responsible parents should bequeath to their children, for in this age of fierce competition a good education is much to be desired, if not an absolute necessity. When World War Two broke out Mrs. Exham, like millions of other young English girls, was called upon to serve her country in its hour of peril. Phoebe worked with Civil Defence, near London, for a period of four years and knows all about bombing raids, rationed foods and sleepless nights, days and nights of anxious watching and praying when the enemy was almost within the gates of the world's largest city.

It was in June 1942 that Dan Cupid directed his arrow right into her heart. That was the month she and Reg. came to know each other for the first time. They were not married, however, until August of 1943.

A member of the local W. I. Phoebe MacKinnon has the necessary background to become a leader in social welfare, dramatics, etc., and since coming to Clyde River has proved herself a valuable asset to her community.

Her favorite plays are classical English, featuring such notable dramatists as Shakespeare, Goldsmith, Sheridan and Wilde, but she prefers comedies or to quote her own words, "rather queer, modern one-act plays."

Mrs. MacKinnon believes all children would profit by instruction in Elocution and she would like to see more children's plays done here.

MRS. X. Y. Z.

Little Johnny stood before the cage of the spotted leopard for a few minutes staring intently. Then, turning to his mother, he asked:

"Say, Mom, is that the dotted line that everybody wants Dad to sign on?"

Billy, six, was exasperated with the almost continuous squalling of his baby brother.

"Bet I know why he came from heaven. Billy mused. "They put him out."

## A HAPPY PRINCE AND PRINCESS



Posing proudly with his mother, Princess Elizabeth, is eight-month-old Prince Charles, who is second in line to the British throne. The chubby infant was photographed with his mother as they enjoyed the sun on the grounds of their summer home at Windlesham Moor, Eng.

## Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Further into July we came today, to a morning that had been refreshed by night-showers. Gray clouds still came down to touch the surrounding hillsides when James' insistence because "they're yours, not mine!" we must rise early and in haste, to find out whether or not that crow call James had heard since peep of dawn had been a sign of ill fortune to us. It so happened, however, that when we presently checked the number of our poultry it was to find none missing from the flocks. It was later in the day that a choice yellow duckling was spirited away under our very nose. "Now didn't I tell you Ellen?" go to make a tasteful bite for an ebon rascal.

With pond and stream and woodlands to serve as sanctuary and look-out nerby, the women-kind, at Alderley, must overcome many a hazard to be at all successful in their poultry-raising. Bold hawks swoop down suddenly out of the blue or gray to clutch unsuspecting birds; crows laugh and taunt us from as near as the old spruce in the orchard; cats in numbers (but we've got to keep cats, Ellen!) sit and speculate slyly, and while we keep in touch with all of these, a skunk from a grove or a mink from the pond slips up on an unexpected.

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## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is it good manners for a week-end guest to bring a gift to the hostess?  
A. Yes, it is the customary thing to do, and the gift need not be valuable, but should show care in selection.

Q. One is walking with a woman and she speaks to a person who is a stranger to you. Is it proper just to ignore it, or should one return the salutation?  
A. Return the salutation, always.

Q. What gifts are appropriate for a first wedding anniversary?  
A. Gifts of cotton.

## How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I prevent the paint brush from shedding its bristles during the painting process?  
A. By first placing its bristles up and pouring some clear varnish into the base of the bristles. Keep the brush in an upright position until the varnish dries.

Q. How can I determine whether a cake of yeast is good or spoiled?  
A. A cake of yeast that has dark spots on it should not be used. Good yeast is creamy in color, moist, and can be easily crumbled.

Q. How can I make a good dressing for patent leather?  
A. Apply sweet oil with a small piece of flannel, then polish with a soft cloth.

## Cook's Corner

RED CURRANT JELLY

5 cups red currant juice  
7 cups granulated sugar  
1/2 an 8-ounce bottle commercial liquid pectin.

To prepare the currant juice, pick over, wash, drain and crush completely 3 quarts (about 4 pounds) fully-ripe red currants;

## That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M. D.

Not long ago if a patient consulted his doctor because of a general weakness and getting out of breath easily and was told that he had heart disease he believed he was doomed, that the hand of death was already upon him. Today we know that while heart failure has not changed, the attitude of the heart patient has greatly changed. This is due to his present day being able to show a way of living that may enable him to live as long or nearly as long as if he did not have heart disease.

More than half of all patients with heart disease who have heart failure during their lifetime, die the first sign of heart failure the physician now takes a long time to view and plans the patient's method of living for years ahead.

In the "Medical Clinics of North America," Dr. Sol Bloom, Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Columbia University, states that patients with heart failure, can be made much more comfortable, the period of hospital care shortened, and many more patients restored as useful members of the community.

This treatment of heart failure is simple and logical; and if the patient follows the suggestions in his daily health habits, his life may be prolonged for many years.

The first thought is to lessen fear in the patient's mind. Instead of considering himself doomed to die any minute, he learns that prolonging his life is to a great extent up to himself. He must be willing to take 100 much exercise, he is taught that too much rest not only weakens the heart but the entire body.

The big point is that he learns that the former idea of heart disease being immediately fatal is inaccurate. He is encouraged by the knowledge that newer methods of treatment offer much hope of increased life expectancy and useful living.

In addition to rules of right living, the usual drug digitalis to strengthen the heart, and drugs to drive water from the tissues are used daily.

WHY WORRY ABOUT YOUR HEART?  
Do you get out of breath on exertion? Does your heart seem to skip beats or beat irregularly? Send today for Dr. Barton's interesting booklet on this subject: entitled "Why Worry About Your Heart?" To obtain it just send 10 cents and a 3-cent stamp, to cover cost of handling and mailing. To The Bell Syndicate, in care of this newspaper, Post Office Box 99, Station G, New York 19, N. Y., and ask for your copy.

Place in a large saucepan and add 1 cup water. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. Turn into a scalded jelly bag and squeeze out the juice.

Measure 5 cups red currant juice into a large saucepan; add the sugar and combine well. Bring quickly to the boil, stirring constantly.

Stir in the commercial liquid pectin and bring to a full rolling boil, stirring constantly. Boil hard for 1 minute, still stirring constantly.

Remove from heat and skim quickly. Pour at once into hot sterilized jelly glasses and seal. Label before storing.

## A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon Macmillan

Is there anything lovelier than a glass bowl filled with Sweet Peas, fragrant and colorful, the first gathering from the seed sown on a cool spring day several weeks ago?

I always choose the seed which is described as very fragrant, and strange to say they are long stemmed and many flowers to a stem too, but often these qualities are there but the fragrance is lacking in the newest varieties. Many years ago I had tall hedges of them standing on a chair to cut them every day and wondering what to do with the lovely stems, but now do it in a small package of seed gives me a great deal of pleasure and they are tied up to a wire fence with twine or around a post and soon make it a beautiful spot. Like all annuals they need to have seed pods cut or they will not continue blooming.

It is rare in bloom. I like the bedding varieties, they bloom continuously and do not require staking. The scarlet Colton Gem and the semi-cactus salmon pink Baby Royal are planted in the centre bed when I lift the tulips and continue to bloom until frost. They multiply so fast soon there are dozens of them also like the Pom Pom Dahlia and have just a few of the tall large varieties.

The Dahlia is splendid to plant in your perennial border. The foliage is good and when the early perennials are looking shabby, they keep the border looking fresh and green. Some perennials may be cut back and the Dahlia will take its place. They will stand a good deal of neglect as I began planting in May and continued until frost. The Dahlia has been brought from the cellar and a small amount of clay scattered over them. The last planted had grown into nice plants to be transplanted to permanent borders without any wilting.

The Dahlia was first introduced into Europe about one hundred and sixty years ago from Mexico. It had been cultivated in that country for hundreds of years, and now many hybrids are grown. I like the Dahlia with a long strong stem suitable for cutting and only grow these varieties.

Hollyhocks are blooming. A dark crimson was the first that I grew in the garden. Several years ago I bought a dozen packets of seed, singles and doubles in all the colors. They have seeded them in the borders every year and well as the more familiar orange and yellow. Their season of blooming is prolonged and now they have become one of the first perennials.

Hardy and pest-free, they are an easy perennial to grow. Fragrance and cutting qualities also belong to them, and many divisions may be made in a few years.

I remember seeing an old neglected garden where someone half a century ago had planted shrubs, lilacs and mock orange, and in the tall grass we found Day Lilies.

Antibes are adding their beauty to the garden these days. They do especially well in the shade of a house or any shady spot, but in the border there are three large varieties in creamy white feathery spikes and in full sun they are splendid specimens.

There are many varieties in soft pink with tall stems; also a dark red in many heights.

I have both the tall and the dwarf and the foliage is very pleasing. They are hardy shrubs and easily divided into many plants in a few years making it easy to acquire a collection of them.

I have been transplanting some annuals from the field to the border in private and business perennial is through blooming and cut back.

## The Stars Say--

By Genevieve Kemble

For Wednesday, July 27

WHILE affairs of all character are destined to move into new grooves and under particularly high tension or excitement, yet planned, denouement could be brought about by too ardent, reckless, unorthodox or ungoverned urges or impulses. While romance and high adventure spur to vigorous action, possible in free pastures or in strange avenues of accomplishment, yet disruption might follow rash or ill-considered moves in private and business relations. Prudence, forethought, regulated urges could produce spectacular results.

For the Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, are on the brink of a particularly dynamic and exciting course of events, with novelty, adventure, far fields and curious fancies, bringing thrilling and spectacular combinations, both in private life and in major business alliances. But an impulsive, wayward, erratic or tempestuous mode of action could prove devastating and disruptive, with the best of plans or opportunities blasted by a whirlwind of untoward events, unforeseen and unpredictable. With composure, studied plans and regulated

## Living & Leisure

### THE WOMAN'S REALM

#### EXPERIMENTAL

Wouldn't it be wonderful if, walking down the street Everyone would gaily smile At everyone he'd meet?

Of course they'll think I'm crazy. But some day I shall see If putting on my nicest smile Will make folks smile at me.

Like all the other people Inside, I'm scared and shy. So please, if you should meet me, Smile back as you go by!

—By Marion C. Allen in Chicago Tribune.

#### BLOUSED BACK IS NEW TREND

NEW YORK—The coat with the hunched-shoulder collar, the buried face and the panel in back is marked "Fall of '49" today. There are also plenty of others to keep the ladies warm and fashionable. The flying panel transposed to the coat appeared more frequently as a center-pleat back than a separate entity on the costumes shown to visiting fashion editors in the New York Dress Institute's 13th semi-annual national press week.

Nettie Rosenstein managed a free one, shaped like a pyramid, however.

The hunched-shoulder line is a particular mark of Philip Mangano's fur-trimmed coats. A number of them come with what are called cape collars but are so cut as to fold up like a small mountain range around the back of the neck. Monte Sano and Fruzan turn up with a hood collar which buttons over the chin or may be unbuttoned to lie flat.

Classic line suits and handsome coats cut to the usual, the moderately slim, swing or fitted lines are in the majority, but the manufacturers point out a new trend with a minor emphasis on bloused back

#### Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He contracted the habit of smoking."  
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "comparable"?  
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Assessment, ascendancy, apparatus.  
4. What does the word "salutary" mean?  
5. What is a word beginning with "le" that means "mercifully"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "He acquired the habit." 2. Accent: first syllable, not the second. 3. Assessment. 4. Promoting health; wholesome. "The moral effect was salutary." 5. Leniently.

This business of keeping perennial borders looking well each day taxes the gardeners' ingenuity. Dwarf annual plants planted toward the edges of the borders and tall strong Cosmos, Marigold or such annuals at the back or center are a good help.

I find Candytuft, the new Marigold Astera and Snapdragon very good plants for the edge of the border and there are many others I have used. Of course Sweet Alyssum in white and mauve is used here in the garden to mark out all the gardens of various flowers. It is so fragrant and long-lasting. Viola grows from seed sown this spring have been transplanted to the rock garden to fill in the gaps left by wallflower and other biennials. It is a busy happy time in the garden now with very few disappointments.

#### Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Perspiring Hands  
If the hands perspire a good dry applying two or three times a day, or at least every night, as astringent lotion consisting of one part boracic acid to twenty parts of water, and then dust them with talcum powder.

Cole Slaw  
If you wish to cut enough cabbage for cole slaw for several meals, cut the cabbage into very fine, thin pieces, put into cold water, and keep in a jar in a cool place. Then the cabbage can be used as needed.

Rag Rugs  
When washing rag rugs, add a little starch to the rinse water and it will eliminate the possibility of their curling on the ends. It will also keep them clean for a much longer time.

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